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Habitat for Humanity: Making a difference one house at a time

by Breain Ma'Ayteh

For Spring Break, most college students go on vacation or have wild parties. Eighteen students from St. Joseph's College spent this year's break building houses.

For a \$100 fee to cover transportation and board, Saint Joe Habitat for Humanity members were given the opportunity to work on two houses in Meridian, Miss. They laid the foundation for one and did landscaping for the other. Some also assisted the Meals on Wheels program in Meridian three afternoons a week, in addition to volunteering at Love's Kitchen, the local soup kitchen.

"We like to do other things and help out with other activities whenever we can," faculty advisor Fred Berger said. Berger teaches mass communication

classes at the College. He is also president of the Jasper County chapter of Habitat.

Berger and Saint Joe professor Sally Nesselrode left with the students at midnight on March 4, making two "side trips" before reaching Meridian. The first one was to Montgomery, Ala. to visit the site where Martin Luther King, Jr. led the Freedom March in the '60s. The second was the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., where a violent confrontation took place between civil rights marchers and the local and state police.

"SJC students have read about these events in Core," Berger said. "Since we were right there, it made sense to go."

In Meridian, the work day started off at 8 a.m. with a prayer devotion, and ended around 4 p.m. Local churches of various denominations took turns cooking dinner for the group after work.

At night, they returned to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Family Center, where they stayed for the week. The center was equipped with a gym, walking track, full kitchen, and a recreation room stocked with a pool table, TV and VCR.

"It was a pretty nice place; a lot nicer than what we've been used to in the past," Berger said.



SJC HABITAT MEMBERS work on the foundation of the house in Meridian, Miss. Photo courtesy of Shawn Delahanty



SEAN EGAN, Nick Quast and Shawn Delahanty take a break from work during Habitat's annual Spring Break Trip. Photo courtesy of Shawn Delahanty

"I always say to [the students], 'don't expect anything more than a floor to sleep on.'"

The work on this trip was slightly different from their previous experiences.

"The second house we were supposed to do most of the building for, but due to storms in the south, they were behind schedule. We did the foundation of the house instead," Shawn Delahanty said. A senior, this is Delahanty's third Spring Break trip.

Junior Theresa Kreinbrink said her favorite part of the trip was getting a chance to meet one of the families whose house they were working on. "We were able to see where they live and hear their stories...." She added. "The house they lived in was falling apart; it's sad to think that children are brought up in places like

that. It's not something I'm used to seeing every day."

After the work week was over, Habitat members spent a Saturday sightseeing in New Orleans. Some people attended mass in the St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest continually active cathedral in the U.S. Others explored the city.

"Some of us sat in a Jazz Club and listened to some amazing music.... A big group of us listened to a cajun band during dinner," junior Blaire Henley said.

In addition to the annual Spring Break trip, Saint Joe Habitat members help out the Jasper County chapter on their projects. They will be assisting with a house that will be built in Rensselaer. It will be the Jasper branch's second house built in town. They broke ground for the project on March 18.

Computer science department at cutting edge of internet

by Maia Kingman

For the last 12 years, the Saint Joseph's College Department of Computer Science has consistently been at the cutting edge of computer networking and Internet applications. As a result, graduates of the SJC program have been getting jobs that have put them at the heart of the Internet.

"Our graduates today are involved in a large number of projects that are cutting edge, and they are continuing to push the envelope out in the larger world," says Professor Brian Capouch, Chair of the Computer Science Department. He lists a number of examples, including Laura DeYoung, a 1985 graduate who is co-authoring books with Stanford's Terry Winograd, a recognized leading authority in the world on cognition and computing. Matt Davy, a 1996 SJC graduate, is a prime engineer of Abilene, an advanced backbone network which is defining the next generation of Internet technologies.

It is unusual for a College the size of Saint Joseph's to be able to keep up with the rapid progress of computer technology. "It has been a ceaseless trial to keep up," Capouch says. "We have been fortunate to have an administration that is committed to computer technology," he says. "And we're still not surpassed anywhere else. There are parts of MIT's or Michigan's systems that surpass us, but no other College [as opposed to University] is as sophisticated as we are."

The College's history of advanced computer networking begins in 1988, when the College received a grant from the Lilly Endowment called The Dream Grant. "All we had to do was come up with a dream," says Capouch, "and Lilly would help us achieve it." With funding from the Lilly grant and help from members of the Computer Science Department at Purdue University, Saint Joseph's became the first college of its size to be connected to the Internet.

Being the first college connected to

the Internet was the first in a long line of firsts for SJC. In 1992, the College was the first institution of higher education in Indiana to have an official website. The College was among the first colleges to begin seriously working with an Internet protocol called MIME, which today is one of the core protocols of the World Wide Web and is used in every web transaction. Capouch was, in fact, involved in creating that protocol; his name is in the credits on the official document that first outlined it.

Today, the SJC Computer Science Department continues to break new ground. The College recently received a grant from the Ball Foundation Venture Fund that will allow SJC to use multicast backbone technology, or MBone, to record course lectures that will become full-featured, interactive multimedia events that will be available on the Internet on demand. The project is going to be used to enhance the Core Program. "There are not many institutions using

this particular technology," Capouch says. "This means Saint Joseph's College would be breaking ground in the use of MBone in the liberal arts."

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Fashion Emergency 101: A faculty response

— by Dr. Bob Brodman —

I am writing in response to the *Observer* staff column on the attire of faculty during core lectures. While I do not presume that the piece was written specifically about me, it should have been if the staff did some investigative reporting because no professor on campus pushes the boundaries of leisure attire farther than me. It is my freedom to dress comfortably and spend my meager earnings on higher priorities – such as books related to topics that I teach in Core. The question is “should I feel insulted?”

The staff questioned the professionalism of Core professors based on some standard of dress code, however the only dress codes mentioned were in business and law. Among scientists, field ecologists rarely wear ties or lab coats when working or presenting at their scientific meetings. Physiologists generally wear such attire for professional activities but typically do not buy shoes specially designed to drain quickly and have good traction for wading through streams that have slippery rocks and can be hosed down to easily wash off clumps of mud like the ones. To question the professionalism of a Core professor based on clothing makes about as much sense as choosing a resource for a core paper based on the aesthetics of the art design on the sleeve. Maybe the staff compared giving Core lectures to testifying in court because they think that core lecture attendance policies make students think that they are in jail.

I find it odd that the *Observer* staff in choosing to write about core lectures picked this topic. Rather than expressing opinions or concerns about the quality of the core lectures, the enthusiasm and competence of lecturers, or whether the lectures stimulate young people to think, the staff decided to write about what may be the most trivial topic in the history of journalism. In fact, if this is the only thing that the *Observer* staff needs to suggest for improving Core lectures, then we are doing a really fantastic job. Rather than stimulating discussion on new ideas or remarking on the PowerPoint slides crafted over many hours of work, staff of the *Observer* thinks that students are more likely to look at ties during Core lectures and talk about shirts afterwards. Maybe they would prefer a Core 5 lecture on pants. So, I asked whether I should be insulted? The answer is that I am not personally offended because I wear my armor proudly. However, I think that the staff of the *Observer* insulted the intelligence of their readers.

Editor's Note:

While the *Observer* staff sincerely appreciates Dr. Brodman's response and respects his opinion, we still stand by our original position.

Letter to the Editor:

Some Things Never Change

Dear Editor,

I would like you to know how much I enjoy reading *The Observer*. Your articles are well written and informative. As a 1968 graduate of SJC, it amazes me how some things never change. Some of the articles that were in the recent *Observer* could have been written 30 years ago.

In 1966, I wrote an article for “Stuff,” the student newspaper, that was very similar to your recent article “What Women Really Want.” Women still want the same things they did 30 years ago and most men are still clueless. I think that's just a comment on how growing up is much the same no matter when you

do it. However, I married a clueless Puma. He's a wonderful husband and was a great father. I guess girls just have to be patient; there's hope for the things that really count.

I also agree with your editorial (“Fashion Emergency 101”). When I was a student here, many of the profs were priests and wore a Roman collar. The lay professors wore suits. I don't think that we have to be that formal, but I do think we should look professional when in a professional situation. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Carly Grzesik '68
Director of Grants

BATTLEGROUND FOR TAX REFORM

— by Luke Hansen —

Following eight years of rising income taxes, along with an estimated budget surplus of \$5.6 trillion and a slumping economy, Americans realize that this is the suitable time for major tax reform. President Bush has promoted a responsible tax cut that comfortably fits into his budget proposal. Bush's tax reform plan is based on fairness and principle, not class-warfare tactics in which liberals often engage.

According to President Bush, “On principle, everyone should be free to pass on their life's work to those they love. So we abolish the death tax. On principle, no one in America should have to pay more than a third of his or her income to the federal government. So we will reduce tax rates for everyone, in every bracket. On principle, those in the greatest need should receive the greatest help. So we will lower the bottom rate from 15% to 10% and double the child tax credit.” Bush wants to replace the current five-rate structure of 15, 28, 31, 36, 39.6 percent, with four, lower rates of 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent. To further stimulate a better society, Bush also puts aside \$8 billion to encourage people to contribute to charities and community groups that offer social services.

This is the plan that President Bush has brought to the table. However, he has shown the ability to compromise and work with Democrats on this issue. Within the past week, Bush said, “There are many ideas being floated out in Congress now, and I'm open-minded to any good idea.” This means that President Bush is considering “triggers,” which would halt the tax cuts if the surplus deteriorates.

In contrast to Bush's bipartisan attitude, Democrats are blaming President Bush for the recent economic woes and

continue to lie about numerous other facts about the proposal. Instead of labeling the recent stock market plunge as the Clinton Recession, which it is, Democrats say that President Bush has talked down the economy and now it's happening.

“What we're seeing is a talking down of the economy, the suggestion of a recession, the suggestion of a slowdown in order to justify what looks like it's going to be a \$3 trillion tax cut,” said House Democrat Leader Richard Gephardt. I apologize for using factual information, but the economy was on a downturn before the new president was elected, and the tax cut is slated for \$1.6 trillion, not \$3 trillion. You would think that an intelligent congressman could make more honest statements.

After ultra-conservative house members proposed a \$2.2 trillion dollar cut to fix the slumping economy, Senate Democrat Leader Tom Daschle decided to throw his dishonest spin into the situation. “They don't want a \$1.6 trillion dollar tax cut. Now they want a \$3.2 trillion dollar tax cut. I don't know why they don't just give the entire federal budget away,” said Daschle. Left-wing figures continue to grow while American support for the current plan continues to heighten. Additionally, giving \$1.6 trillion back to the people who earned the money doesn't equal the “entire federal budget,” which accounts for \$28 trillion over ten years.

It's about time to make progress in Washington D.C. There will be disagreements regarding any proposal, but Democrats shouldn't distort the facts while attempting to weaken Bush's credibility. The current proposal is based on fairness and principle, and I hope both sides will come together to get tax reform passed by this summer.

Attention Students:

Do you have an opinion about the decreased club budgets that have been established this semester? If so, we want to hear what you think. Send a “Letter to the Editor” to Mandy Meyers or Heather Hagan and make your opinion known.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to thank Don Shanahan and *The Observer* staff for some comic relief in your last issue. The issue featuring the three basketball coaches was the funniest article I've read in my 24 years of working at Saint Joe.

Don really captured their personalities in the interview and expressed their antics wonderfully. From someone who knows the coaches pretty well, the article really showed all of their behavior traits. It was a very well-written article even if Dave Balza was misquoted - it was actually Chris who made the “Benny's and Kenny's” joke!

Sincerely,
Stacey Lazenby

Kairos XXX proves to be an unforgettable experience

Spring retreat gives students and faculty time out with God and each other

by Katie Davet

On March 15-18, during Saint Patrick's Day weekend, Saint Joseph's College students and faculty boarded the Puma buses to go off campus on the Kairos XXX retreat.

Junior Megan Taylor was the leader of this spring's retreat. According to Taylor, the retreat was a successful one.

"I think that it touched everyone in a very special way," Taylor commented. "This past week we have been visiting each other and emailing and have made a lot of plans as to what we can do to bring the spirit of Christ to campus and to the community." Association leaders were freshmen Nick Quast and Rachel Benardin, sophomores Julie Hahn, Nick Schafer and Wes Graper, Junior Polly Rainey, and Senior Sarah Stipher. Kairos XXX was held at the Spiritual Life Cen-

ter in Hammond, Indiana.

The leaders of the spring Kairos retreat took these students to a peaceful environment to reflect on ordinary life. The retreat includes talks, prayer, mass and small and large group activities. There is a special bond that forms among the participants of the retreat.

"It is designed to be a faith-building experience in which the retreatants find out more about their relationship with God, themselves and others," Taylor said. The people who went on Kairos cannot reveal the main idea of the retreat because one must go into it with an open heart and mind, expecting nothing. It is a very intense retreat, but according to those who attended, the things they walked away with are priceless.

The retreat was followed by a homecoming service once the students arrived back at SJC. "Personally, this was my

hardest and my best Kairos experience," Taylor said. "It's my third one as a retreatant, [including] one as a leader and one

as a rector. It was just what I needed in this time period now and it really boosted my faith."

Both students and professors enjoyed being on Kairos XXX and they brought back with them many memorable stories.

"This was my first Kairos, and a totally amazing experience at that. I learned so much about myself and others and I made some really great friends who I'll never forget," commented freshman Sarah Zak.

"Kairos is an integral dimension of [the] Saint Joe experience; now, Kairos is a very important part of my

"Kairos is an integral dimension of the Saint Joe experience."

- Dr. Tom Ryan

life," added professor Tom Ryan. "The leadership of Brother Tim, the Kairos team leaders, and the participants is a spark that ignites a deep dimension in our campus life. Kairos is a great time."

Overall, the individuals from the Saint Joseph's College community who participated in the Kairos retreat had an excellent time. "I was very touched by the way everyone was affected and grew together, and I think the team did a fabulous job. I am so proud of everyone for their strength and their ability to let God touch them this weekend," Taylor said.

SIFE preparing for regional exposition

by Jessica Barnard

Saint Joseph's College SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) will match their educational outreach projects against the programs of other SIFE Teams at the 2001 SIFE Regional Exposition held in Chicago on April 6, 2001.

Everything that SIFE has completed throughout the year will be expressed through a presentation to a board of executives. The Saint Joseph's College SIFE team has been working very hard with their Sam Walton Fellow, Professor Walter Sherb.

"We still have a few things to complete before heading off to Chicago, but we will get them done," stated Junior Jessica Barnard, a two-year SIFE member. SIFE week is March 26-30, so please come and enjoy the projects your fellow students have put together.

Dr. Tom Ryan graduates from Indiana Principal Leadership Academy

by Maia Kingman

Dr. Tom Ryan, Professor of Education at Saint Joseph's College, recently graduated from the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy (IPLA), a national professional development program.

Established by the Indiana General Assembly in 1986 and operated by the Indiana Department of Education, IPLA provides in-depth professional development in four areas of leadership over a two-year period. IPLA strengthens administrative skills through training in educational leadership, school culture, teaching for learning, and communication.

"This is an elite group of academic professionals. Besides receiving valuable training that will improve their own leadership in the years ahead, they have also

contributed to the continuous improvement of their schools and their colleagues," says Deb Lecklider, IPLA Executive Director.

As one of 50 participants in the thirty-third graduating class, Dr. Ryan joins the ranks of over 1,500 Indiana educational leaders who have committed themselves to the improvement of Indiana's schools through visionary leadership and the pursuit of excellence.

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Things you should do NOW to prepare for room selection:

Look for roommate(s) We will only take groups of five for the suites, groups of two for Schweitemann, and groups of two for double rooms. You may only sign up by yourself if you have private status.

Get cleared by the bank All students must have \$100 credit on their account before they

Room Selection Schedule 2001-2002

Starting on Monday, April 2nd the room selection process for next year begins. Many of the same rules apply, but the lottery has changed. The number you are given to sign up is based upon your GPA (grade point average). There are four groups of 25 that sign up per night. Having the highest GPA in your class will place you in the first group to sign up and so on. Then those four groups of 25 have a lottery to determine who will go first. Below is a schedule of the selection process and important dates to remember for choosing your room for next year. If you have any questions regarding the room selection process contact Marcus Jackson in the Housing Office.

Monday, April 2 STATUS SIGN-UP. All students wishing to live in special Housing (Suites, Schweitemann and Private Rooms) must come into the Housing Office to sign up for approval.

Thursday, April 5 Notification of approval to live in Schweitemann, Residential Suites or Private Rooms.

Sunday, April 8 Squatters Night, 8PM-9PM

Monday, April 9 Notification of approved/unapproved squats

Monday, April 9 ROOM SELECTION FOR UPCOMING SENIORS, 5PM-6PM

Tuesday, April 10 ROOM SELECTION FOR UPCOMING JUNIORS, 5PM-6PM

Wednesday, April 11, ROOM SELECTION FOR UPCOMING SOPHOMORES 5PM-6PM

can register for classes or sign up for a room for the fall.

Register for fall term 011 All students must be registered for classes for the Fall of 2001 before they can sign up for a room.

Remember to sign up for status If you plan to live in any situation other than a double room, you need to sign up and get PRE-APPROVAL. This can be done in the Housing Office on Monday, April 2.

Squatter's Night April 8

The purpose of Squatter's Night is to give you the opportunity to keep the room in which you currently live for next year.

Rules for Squatter's Night:

- 1) You can only squat a room that you currently live in.
- 2) Due to the uniqueness of the buildings and living arrangements, those living in HALAS and GALLAGHER can select roommates currently living in that hall to form complete squatting groups. This shall be known as Hall Squatting. This is only going to apply to Halas, Gallagher, and the Residential Suites. Rooms cannot be

squatted unless you are in a complete group.

- 3) You must sign up with a roommate. You cannot squat a room by yourself unless you have private status. (Private status sign up is Monday, April 2)
- 4) Squatters cannot participate in room selection.
- 5) You and your roommate must be pre-registered and have a \$100 deposit on your account.
- 6) ROOMS RESERVED FOR FRESHMAN CANNOT BE SQUATTED

Squatter's Night Sign-Up Schedule and Location:

Times for all sign-ups will be from 8PM-9PM on Sunday, April 8.

Locations:

Bennett- 1st lounge
Gallagher/Halas-1st lounge
Justin East/West-1st lounge
Merlini- 2nd lounge
Noll-1st lounge
Schweitemann- 1st Middle lounge
Seifert- 1st East lounge

Update on the Presidential Search

Report on the meeting of the Presidential Search Committee, submitted by John Nichols, STL, Ph.D., Secretary to the Committee

1. The committee will strive, by means of advertising, mailings, and other networking, to develop a rich pool of candidates by the first week in April. At its next meeting (April 11), the group will decide either that the pool is rich enough to proceed immediately with interviews or that one of several alternatives should be pursued.
2. The Chair of the committee, William Johnston (Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees) set up two subcommittees: one to screen applications and pick out the most promising, the other to develop a "leadership statement" of traits desired in the next president on the basis of the current conditions of the College. Both subcommittees welcome input from the campus.
3. Until the final stages of the process, where a candidacy becomes public, search committee members will be held to confidentiality with regard to the names of applicants. Actual names will be used only with other committee members and the references listed by the candidates.
4. Kerry McClanahan is the official spokesperson for the committee. Only he is authorized to speak publicly in the name of the committee.



Puma Profile: Shannon follows his heart to Boston

by Susan Huss

It is a love story that began 30 years ago. Albert and MJ Shannon married in 1971 and moved to Boston to start their lives together. Now, 30 years later, the Shannons will return to New England to begin a new phase and a new challenge in their lives.

"Thirty years ago in March, 1971, I was accepted at Boston, IU, and Harvard Universities," President Shannon explained. "Boston offered me the most money, so I asked MJ to move to Boston with me. We were married in May of 1971 and then went there. Then, a couple of months ago, I asked her, 'How'd you like to move to Boston?'"

Shannon, who has been SJC's President since 1993, will be starting a new job as President and Headmaster of Saint John's Prep School in Danvers, Massachusetts in July. Despite the fact that Shannon will miss SJC, he said he is looking forward to returning to the area where his marriage began.

"If we were going to live anywhere, it'd be New England," he said. "That's our favorite area in the country. It was wonderful romantic times for us there. Had this job been in Oklahoma, we wouldn't be going. The geography had a wonderful appeal for us."

Shannon said that the decision to leave SJC was one of the hardest decisions he ever made, but once he made it, he was sure it was the right thing to do.

"It was a shared decision between MJ and I," Shannon said. "It was a response to St. John's truly recruiting me as their President and Headmaster. MJ and I knew it was the right time, the right place, the right opportu-

nity. I knew this was where I wanted to be."

After raising around \$15 million dollars for SJC, with the help of staff and administration, Shannon said he is looking forward to spending more time with students instead of traveling to fundraise so much.

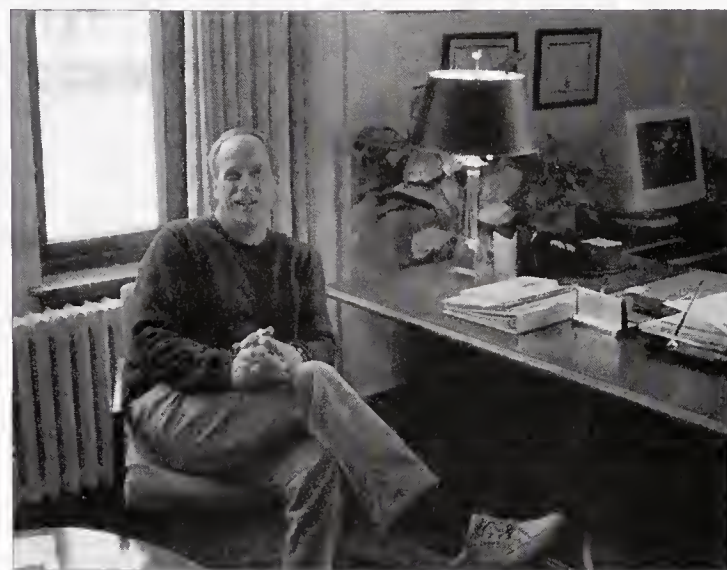
"[I'm looking forward to] staying connected with a real hands-on prep school Catholic education," Shannon said. "Ninety percent of my time here is spent off campus, and I felt I was losing touch with the students. We as teachers sit on the board of trustees of some people's lives, and sometimes I feel it's hard to do when I spend 95% of my time fundraising. I'm going to look forward to having a more hands-on impact on kids' lives. I got into education to change kids' lives, and I know St. John's will allow us to do more of that."

Though Shannon is looking forward to his move, he said there are things about SJC he is going to miss.

"[The thing I'll miss the most is] the people," Shannon said. "I've always said the people make the difference around here—from the gifted faculty to the talented staff to the unique students. MJ and I have a habit of staying close to the students. The nice thing about people is that they are mobile, so we can visit them. I'll also miss the Puma spirit. Some of the most memorable events here were some of the athletic championships I saw."

With his time here drawing to a close, Shannon hopes people will remember him in a positive way.

"I don't define myself as the President," Shannon



PRESIDENT SKIP SHANNON, shown seated in his office, will be leaving SJC for Boston at the end of this year. *Photo by Mike Potts*

said. "I define myself by being loved. I want people to remember me as having changed their lives in some way."



by Don Shaahan

At the Movies with Don: The 'gates' are open for suspense

There is an intangible quality about war movies in their ability to bring so many movie elements together. War movies bring so much more to the table than, say, a science fiction movie or romantic comedy. In no other place can historical drama and "good vs. evil" heroics combine with romance, patriotism, and human fortitude in such a profound way as when transposed against the backdrop of war. Such combinations make for movies that always offer something more.

Enemy at the Gates is one of several war movies on the 2001 movie slate. The most prominent of those that I'm sure every American moviegoer cannot stop talking about is *Pearl Harbor*, coming this Memorial Day. If you cannot wait until "the day that will live in infamy," I can tell you now that *Enemy at the Gates* will definitely quench your need of drama and excitement.

Enemy at the Gates revolves around the true story of a historic duel between a fabled young Russian sniper and the legendary aristocratic German officer brought in to take him out behind the scenes of the Nazi siege of Stalingrad in World War II. Jude Law of *The Talented Mr. Ripley* is Vassili, a poor Russian farmhand from the Ural Mountains who ends up saving the life of a Russian Army newsman, Danilov (Joseph Fiennes of *Shakespeare in Love*). Seeing Vassili's incredible marksmanship at work, Danilov decides to paint him a hero in the newspapers with the hope of inspiring the army and community who are at the brink of defeat to the Nazis.

With the approval of Russian general Nikita Krushev (Bob Hoskins), Vassili is promoted to sniper

for his heroism and skill. Thanks to Danilov's propaganda reporting and Vassili's own extraordinary skill, his legend grows astronomically and shifts the tide of the war.

Enter Colonel Konig (multiple Academy Award nominee Ed Harris), a coldly aristocratic German officer who is the master sniper of the Nazi marksmanship school. His assignment is to hunt down and kill Vassili to end the propaganda that is inspiring the Russian army to defeating the Germans.

While the Vassili-Konig duel against the backdrop of war drives the movie's suspense, drama, and excitement, a twist complicates things for Vassili that adds to the fact that he is severely outmatched by Konig. Vassili is in love with a Jewish villager, Tanya (Rachel Weisz of *The Mummy*), who also catches the eye of Danilov. In many ways, she is a love and a target at the same time.

Like I explained with the war movie definition, *Enemy at the Gates* brings so much to the table. At one end is the human story behind each character. From boy soldiers growing into men, from local villagers turning into war-hardened fighters, and a professional realizing his challenge, the movie covers the emotional scope.

The suspense, excitement, and action of war are most compelling especially when you realize that it is encapsulated in a duel of two men and not an onslaught of two armies. While the love triangle subplot can be distracting at times, the driving cat-versus-mouse game makes the whole movie a very worthwhile experience. While there is a lot of 2001 to go, I can guarantee to you that this will stand as one of the best of the year.

Players gear up for another season...

by Melissa Genova

While walking through the Science Building, one might stroll past a sign or two announcing the upcoming play. One might walk into class and overhear classmates talking about going to the *Blue Man Group*. After class, one might walk past the theatre and hear the clanging of hammers and the *whirrr* of a drill. And unbeknownst to you, it is a single club that deals with the planning and sponsoring of trips to professional play productions, as well as helping in the creation of SJC's own theatre guild.

The Columbian Players are the students responsible for the theatre-oriented events on campus. Their recent accomplishments include presenting the musical *Roar of the Greasepaint*, *Smell of the Crowd*, which runs the weekend of March 30, and sponsoring and co-sponsoring student trips to professional productions.

Megan Bodner, Columbian Players President, said, "Basically, we just do the plays. When we can, we sponsor trips for students." The trips are not limited to Columbian Players - any student is allowed to go and see a play at the discount rate, but Columbian Players get first dibs at tickets. Recently, they co-sponsored trips to see *Blue Man Group*, *Les Miserables*, and *Rent* with SUB.

Mary Bradshaw, a member of the Columbian Players said, "It is really nice to have something like this on campus. Popular shows like *Rent* and *Blue Man Group* also attract students who normally would not think twice about going to anything theatre-related." Bradshaw is also involved with the spring musical.

Although not a CP member, Freshman Shenley Roberts took the trip to see *Blue Man Group* in Chicago. "It was nearly impossible at first to get tickets because I am not a member, and the tickets were in such demand," she said, "But it was really fun to be able to get off campus. Besides, *Blue Man Group* is just an amazing show to begin with, and it was really cool that I did not have to go broke to see it." Shenley continued by adding she is convinced to join the Columbian Players next year.

The Players are ending the year with a trip to see *King Lear* in Chicago, and the closing of SJC's own interpretation of *Roar of the Greasepaint*.

Elvis Lives . . . Again!

Two Elvis impersonators perform to benefit Special Olympics at SJC

by Mike Potts

He strolled onto the stage with a gait of confidence, energy and youth, grinning at his shrieking fans. He glanced back, only for an instant, to his band - a trio of men forming a horseshoe with their instruments behind him. Then he was off, the music grabbing hold of him. He moved about the stage, controlling his audience, holding them on each tiny sneer, with every word sung. His head flung about, his trademark pompadour no longer a heaping mound atop his head, but a flopping mess. His voice was perfect, raw and energized, and as the instrumental break approached he backed into the horseshoe behind him, smiling at his boys and vigorously shaking as the music ran through his body. The sea of fans was deafening, drowning his voice and music. Hands grabbed for his legs, tearing and clawing. Then it was over. With the same haste with which he entered the stage, he had left it. It was magical.

Elvis Presley was new to the world, but he would soon be a very well known icon. Twenty years later, after those energetic, shaking performances, he was still going strong. Even in declining health, he was a showstopper, luring the fans in by the thousands, holding them on each tiny sneer, with every word sung.

Unfortunately, however, it is this Elvis - the overweight, out-of-shape rock star - who many young people remember. Many of you probably do not think of the young, rockin' Elvis, but instead a bloated parody of himself; a hamburger-eating lounge singer, adorned in sequined jumpsuits, and hopping out of airplanes. This is not the Elvis who changed the world.



MIKE POTTS will be performing his Elvis impersonation next month with proceeds from the show going to the Special Olympics. Photo courtesy of Mike Potts

The Elvis that I know, and that his fans know, no matter what stage in his life, was an entertainer, a country boy full of life and love; love for music and for life. Elvis Presley may often times only be known for his gyrating pelvis or his many rock anthems, but he was also a humanitarian. We all know the story of him giving away Cadillacs to strangers, but he did more than that. Throughout his career, he continued to donate his time and money to hospitals and organizations, to those less fortunate than himself.

Next month, here as Saint Joseph's College, that Elvis Presley will be remembered and those less fortunate than all of us will not be forgotten. For any-

one who has attended Saint Joe for the past couple of years, you may not know my name, but you probably know me as "Elvis". On April 27, at the Rec Center,

from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., I will put on my blue suede shoes and along with Don Carlson from Wheatfield, IN will present "Memories of Elvis", a show paying tribute not only to the King of Rock 'n' Roll, but also to his many humanitarian accomplishments. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the Special Olympics.

Please join me in helping Morey Johnson raise money for these young men and women. Morey has dedicated her time and energy to the Special Olympics for over two decades. With the money raised, these very special athletes will have the opportunity to advance to the state competition in track & field and bowling.

I hope to see everyone there to support these athletes and to recapture, or capture for the very first time, some of the magic of Elvis Presley.

"Memories of Elvis" will be performed April 27 from 7-10 p.m. in the Rec Center

Tickets for the show may be purchased in the HUB, or are available at the door.

Ticket prices are as follows:

\$2 - SJC students

\$5 - single

\$7.50 - couple

\$10 - family of 4

All proceeds will go to benefit the Special Olympics.

Mike Potts would like to extend his thanks to: Morey and Lee Johnson, Mary Potts, Craig DeMass and A to Z Party Masters, and a number of SJC students for helping organize this event.



Associate Appreciation Week!

March 26-30

SJC Dining Services wants to thank all its associates during Associate Appreciation Week

Thank you for all you do!

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1 year

Dawn Carden - Baker
5 years

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7 years

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1 year

Deb Jones - P.M. Cook
6 years

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39 years

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23 years

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24 years

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23 years

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34 years

Morey Johnson - HUB
2 years

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Louis Rector - Cashier
20 years

Norma Spurgeon - Server
24 years

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21 years

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SERVICES

O'Dette has diamond men swinging through GLVC

—by Don Shanahan—

Head coach Rick O'Dette and his Puma varsity baseball team have just about reached the halfway point of their regular season where the rough GLVC conference competition begins. So far, the Pumas have a solid 11-10 overall record and 2-1 start within the GLVC.

For those of you who haven't heard much about Puma baseball, O'Dette is in his first year as head coach of the diamond men. He replaced the successful Mike Moyzis who went on to become the General Manager for Baseball Operations with the Chicago White Sox Training Centers. Mr. O'Dette is a 1999 alum of SJC and a former player.

After a 1-3 season-opening trip to Alabama, the Pumas have battled back and kept their record around .500 ever since. After sweeping a doubleheader from Assumption, the team's biggest chance to shine came on their annual spring break baseball odyssey in Florida.

The long travel paid off as the Pumas won four of their last six games settling their

record at 9-7. Their sole losses in those six games came at the hands of Mansfield and Tampa, the #1 team in the nation. The wins came at the expense of Indiana (PA), Lock Haven, and a Saint Anselm doubleheader.

In the Indiana (PA) contest, speedy and scrappy senior Brian Stultz had three RBIs and scored two runs in the 12-4 decision. Tim Pirowski also added two RBIs and two runs of his own, while Jim O'Dette picked up the win to improve to 1-2. SJC rebounded from their Mansfield and Tampa losses with a 4-0 shutout of Lock Haven delivered by Keith Nawrocki's five-hitter. Tim Chambers had two hits and a RBI. Finally, the Pumas twice thrashed Saint Anselm 8-4 and 13-4. In the first contest, Derrick Nosal's eighth inning grand slam broke the tie and sealed a Jim Cartwright late-inning relief win. In the second game, Tony Schmid went 3-for-4 with four RBIs to back up Andy Ausburger's win on the mound.

After coming home from Florida, the Pumas had to endure two tough losses in a row against much bigger opponents. Di-

vision I schools the University of Michigan and Valparaiso University shut the Pumas down with 11-1 and 6-2 wins. In the Valparaiso game, Brian Stultz scored both runs. Mark Stasch and Andy Ausburger took the losses.

All would be avenged as the Pumas opened their GLVC season with three games over three days against the Norseman of Northern Kentucky University. The Pumas lost the first of three 9-4, but rebounded for 7-4 and 4-3 victories in the following weekend set. In the first win, Lucas Brunette's tenth inning home run was the game winner as senior bullpen ace Mark Gruzewski got the "W." In the second win, Mark Stasch picked a fine complete game while supported by Brian Stultz's 2-for-5, two RBI performance at the plate and Tim Pirowski's two runs scored.

A strong class of eleven seniors has so far carried his inaugural team. Scrappy and speedy senior Brian Stultz has stepped up to lead the team in runs scored (21), batting average (.412), and tied for home runs (3, with Brandon Hardy) so far. On

the pitching side, five pitchers (Mark Gruzewski, Keith Nawrocki, Jimmy Cartwright, Mark Stasch, and Andy Ausburger) have team-leading two wins. Mark Gruzewski has two saves and Keith Nawrocki has the best earned run average among the Puma starters (1.82).

As it stands now, the Pumas are in the middle of a four-game homestand that misses the deadline of this article.

However, you fans can catch the Pumas all at home today against Tri-State University, St. Xavier University on Saturday, and SIU-Edwardsville on Sunday.

COMING SOON TO THE OBSERVER SPORTS PAGE

"The Inside Corner" columnist **Erik Steffen** will be bringing weekly commentary interviews with head baseball coach Rick O'Dette over the course of the Puma baseball season.

Outdoor track and field season begins with a bang

The Pumas have a home track and thrower Aaron Thomas is coming off All-American indoor season

—by Don Shanahan—

Before we open up our *Observer* sports coverage into the first two meets of the Saint Joseph's College men and women's outdoor track and field season, there is a need to recap the finishing touches of the indoor track season. For those who followed the team's excellent progress through the indoor season, Spring Break created a large hiatus from the last issue to this one. In that time, the men's and women's teams finished the indoor season with a 14th and 23rd rank, respectively, in the final national rankings. Also over that time, our fine national qualifiers got their shot at the Big Dance.

Back on March 9th and 10th, SJC had two top 15 finishers at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in Boston, Massachusetts. GLVC Male Track Athlete of the Year and SJC senior Joe Koczan finished a very respectable 12th in the 35lb. weight throw at 50' 11" and 11th in the shot put with a 52' heave.

At an even higher point of accomplishment, senior thrower Aaron Thomas achieved All-American status by finishing in the top eight of his event. His 56' 8 1/2" throw was good enough for an outstanding 8th place finish in the 35lb. weight throw. "AT" is the 11th All-American track and field athlete during the coaching tenure of Bill Massoels.

Immediately following the culminating national indoor meet, the team moved right into the outdoor track and field season and continued to utilize our fine new track, the Michael J. Vallone—Class of 1960 Track and Field Complex. Up to this press date, the team has had two outdoor meets to date—Wabash College and the USTCA Midwest Challenge.



THE NEW MICHAEL J. Vallone--Class of 1960 track waits in the spring breeze before a track practice, just itching for its first competition on April 28th.
Photo by Fr. Tim McFarland

Wabash College (March 17)

Kim Noon was named "Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet"

WOMEN

Women's team was named "Outstanding Team of the Meet"

Shana Wyatt—1st 10,000m run
Sarah Flory—1st 10,000m run
4x100m relay (Fallon Lane, Lyndi Cruikshank, Melissa Klienmaus, Becca Niziolek)—1st

Melissa Klienmaus—1st 400m hurdles
Hammer throw relay (Kim Noon, Kelli Deckard)—1st

Lyndi Cruikshank—1st triple jump
Shot put relay (Sarah Garman, Kelli Deckard)—1st

Javelin relay (Anne Balmes, Kim Noon)—1st

Discus relay (Kim Noon, Kelli Deckard)—1st

Lyndi Cruikshank—2nd long jump
Pole vault relay (Anne Balmes, Nancy Giovingo)—2nd

4x400m relay (Melissa Klienmaus, Jaymi Hartzler, Jamie Marshall, Fallon Lane)—2nd
4x200m relay (Fallon Lane, Melissa Klienmaus, Anne Balmes, Becca Niziolek)—2nd

Jamie Marshall—2nd hurdles
Jaymi Hartzler—2nd 3000m run
Sprint Medley—2nd

Distance Medley (Michelle Grubb, Teresa Gaura, Maria Toledo, Alexis Virtue)—3rd
Darcy Ramirez—4th 3000m run
Nancy Giovingo—4th high jump

Dani Ramirez—4th 3000m run

MEN

Joe Koczan was named "Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet" and qualified for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Nationals in the discus.

Jared Weller—1st 10,000m run
Hammer throw relay (Joe Koczan, Aaron Thomas)—1st

Sprint Medley (Rickey McCray, Jeff Rugg, Adam Smith, Tim Newman)—1st

Pole Vault relay (Joe Graves, Tom O'Conner)—1st

Shot put relay (Joe Koczan, Andy Cool)—1st

Discus relay (Joe Koczan, Aaron Thomas)—2nd

Derek Serna—2nd 10,000m run
Dan Westphal—2nd 5000m run

4x200m relay (Justin Evans, Stephen Kraemer, Mario DiRuzza, Rickey McCray)—2nd

Jeff Barker—3rd 10,000m run
Steeplechase medley team—3rd

High jump relay (Josh Hughes)—3rd
Javelin relay (Joe Graves, Evan Gault)—4th

4x400m relay team—4th
4x100m relay (Kevin Moeller, Ben Zimmer, Jeff Barker, Jared Weller)—4th

4x100m relay (Adam Smith, Justin Evans, Jeff Rugg, Rickey McCray)—4th

4x800m relay (Chris McHugh, Brett Heinz, Roman Rodriguez, Jared Weller)—4th

Javelin relay (Tom O'Conner)—5th
Long jump relay (Josh Hughes)—5th

USTCA Midwest Challenge (March 24)

WOMEN

Melissa Kleinmaus—1st 400m hurdles
4x400m relay team—1st

Kim Noon—1st javelin
Lyndi Cruikshank—2nd long jump

Sarah Garman—2nd shot put
Shana Wyatt—2nd 5000m run

Maria Toledo—3rd 3000m run
4x100m relay team—3rd

Kim Noon—3rd discus

Lyndi Cruikshank—3rd long jump
Jamie Marshall—4th 400m hurdles

Teresa Gaura—4th 800m run
Alexis Virtue—4th 3000m run

Sarah Flory—4th 5000m run
Kelli Deckard—4th shot put

Kim Noon—4th hammer throw
Becca Niziolek—5th 100m

Jaymi Hartzler—5th 1500m
Fallon Lane—6th 400m

Melissa Kleinmaus—6th high jump
Melissa Kleinmaus—6th javelin

Sarah Garman—6th discus

MEN

Ninth consecutive week a Puma has qualified for nationals between the indoor and outdoor season as Koczan extends his discus mark from last meet.

Josh Hughes—1st high jump

Josh Hughes—1st long jump

Greg Myers—1st triple jump

Joe Koczan—1st discus (improved national qualifying mark)

Joe Koczan—1st hammer throw
4x400m relay team—1st

Kevin Moeller—2nd steeplechase

Joe Koczan—2nd shot put

Joe Graves—3rd javelin

Jeff Barker—4th 5000m run

Jason Johnson—4th long jump

4x100m relay team—4th

Tom O'Conner—4th pole vault

Andy Cool—4th discus

Joe Graves—5th pole vault

Dan Westphal—6th 1500m run

Jason Johnson—6th 110m high hurdles

Jason Johnson—6th 400m hurdles

Aaron Thomas—6th discus

Puma men finish sensational turnaround season

Postseason accolades shower the team and players while Dave Balza wins two big coaching awards

—by Don Shanahan—

When we last caught the Puma men's basketball team, before being rudely interrupted by spring break, they were the surprise team of the conference on the brink of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament after a Senior Day win over Wisconsin-Parkside. Head coach Dave Balza had led the Pumas to a turnaround season in which they were picked in preseason polls to finish dead last in 12th place within the GLVC conference. At the end of the regular season, the Pumas commanded the #4 seed in the conference tournament and a duel with the #5 Bellarmine University.

The fourth seed brought the Pumas down to Evansville on a mission to take the tournament and attain an automatic NCAA Div. II Tournament bid. Number 5 seed Bellarmine was the first to stand in their way. Through a team effort of five double-digit scorers, Balza's men surpassed Bellarmine in a 90-83 decision. Brent Mason led the way again, this time scoring 22 points. The win brought them one step closer to their shot.

In advancing, the Pumas had to face the then-#3 nationally ranked Southern Indiana. In their last meeting, the Pumas lost by a daunting 26 points. To the coaches and the team, the statistics didn't matter. The Pumas were on a roll and were not going to be denied a shot at the conference championship without giving a 150% effort on the floor.

Some critics expected Southern Indiana to blow away the supposedly inexperienced Pumas. It didn't turn out that way at

HODGES SMITH SHOWS his trademark tenacious defensive skills as he prevents this Wisconsin-Parkside player from lining up for a three-point field goal.
Photo by Kathy Shanahan.



all as the game came down to the last possession where the Pumas fell short by just three points, 91-88. A questionable blown foul call on a Marlin Murphy three-point attempt at the buzzer could have brought the game to overtime and a big chance for the Pumas.

Brent Mason again led the team with 26 points in the narrow defeat that ended the Pumas' season. The super-scrappy and super-talented freshman trio of Jamie Holden, Marlin Murphy, and Jake Argenta backed Mason's scoring up with 19, 16, and 10 points of their own, respectively.

Southern Indiana ended up advancing and losing in the GLVC conference final to fellow powerhouse Kentucky Wesleyan. Both teams and SJC-punching bag Northern Kentucky (the team the Pumas knocked off twice while unranked) made the NCAA Div. II Tournament. In the entire season, the Pumas played nine teams that eventually made the national tournament.

After their exit from the GLVC tourna-

ment in fourth place, the Pumas ended their season with an 18-13 overall record and 11-9 conference record. After the tournament, the postseason awards began showering the Puma players and coaches.

Brent Mason garnered several prominent distinctions. After the GLVC tourney, he was named to the five-member All-Tournament Team. Brent was named to the Daktronics, Inc. All-Great Lakes Region Second Team after the voting of sports information directors. He was one of three Pumas who made All-GLVC team. Mason made the First Team, while teammates Brandon Yates and Hodges Smith were named to the Honorable Mention Team.

As a just a junior, Brent Mason has his name on various SJC records and career lists after this past season. He currently resides in 10th place (1,346 points) on the school's all-time career scoring list and 1st all-time in career three-pointers with 166. In percentages, Mason's current 88.6% free throw shooting 40.6% three-point shooting has him 1st and 3rd all-career on those

lists.

Lone senior Brandon Yates finishes his college career 23rd all-time on the SJC career scoring list and in the 1000 Point Club with 1,100 points. In shooting 55% over his career and 61% for the season from the field, Brandon is tied for second on the career field goal percentage list and third on the single-season list. Also on the single-season record lists, Jamie Holden set a school record for steals in a single season (76) while Marlin Murphy was right behind with a second best 66.

Last and certainly not least, head coach Dave Balza, the man who led this program into a sensational fourth place after their preseason last place prediction, was awarded two coaching honors. The first was his distinction as Great Lakes Valley Conference Coach of the Year, as voted by the twelve conference athletic departments. On a much bigger scope, Balza was named as the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and Chevrolet Great Lakes Region Co-Coach of the Year, an award that spans the two major Division II conferences of the upper Midwest, the GLVC and the GLIAC. In addition to beating critical predictions, Balza brought in the most victories in a season for SJC since 1994 and the 10th most all-time in a season.

As of just this past weekend while the big Division I Final Four teams were being decided, Kentucky Wesleyan ended up winning the NCAA Div. II national championship after beating Washburn in the title game 72-63. Looks like the Pumas will play national champions next year when Balza's men return to tear into the GLVC again.

Sports Editorial

THE INSIDE CORNER

The Language of Sports 101

—by Erik Steffen—

As I was sitting down to write this column, I was struggling for a fresh subject. I wanted to stay away from another "Baseball is the greatest sport, ever, no matter what you say about soccer being played in 3 billion countries" column. So I contemplated for a bit, and somehow I came up with the idea of applying my English major towards something useful — your entertainment.

My athletic experiences are not solely limited to baseball, I played high school tennis and basketball, and I come from a football family, so a lot of the lingo is always being tossed around the living room during various events on T.V. And that always intrigued me — sports have a language unto themselves, and it goes like this:

When I was in Florida, I took the mound during the bottom of the 6th with men on the corners and two

dead. The previous pitcher had plunked a couple guys and worked himself into some trouble, so I was called out of the pen to get us out of the jam.

The first pitch I threw was high and tight, a brushback pitch, though not on purpose. But I found my release point and threw a couple strikes over the outside half, bringing the count to one and two. J.C. flashed two fingers and I tried to break one off, but it only went about fifty five feet and he couldn't block it, so there was a play at the plate.

I screamed "Back!" and covered the plate as he scrambled to chuck me the ball. But my pitch got too far away and the run scored, and now the count was two and two. No harm done, though, since we were up by three. I threw another ball, bringing the count full, and J.C. flashed one finger. I shook him off, because I wanted to drop the full count deuce, which I did, and the batter took a weak hack and grounded out, getting us out of the inning.

That is just a small example of the entire gamut of lingo that's tossed around in the course of about six pitches. I'd get into basketball lingo about presses and no-look's and such, but we're in Hoosier land, and I'd only embarrass myself seeing as how a three-legged mule knows more about basketball than I do.

I do know a bit about tennis: I know that approach shots should be deep and to the corners and that you should split step before you volley, and when you volley you shouldn't swing, you should punch, and hit your volleys deep, to keep the opponent on the defensive, so you can get an overhead or a passing shot.

I'm not claiming that these sports are the only ones with a rich language of their own, but these are the sports that I know a bit about. Soccer, football, golf and every other sport has special terms, but I only have half a page, and that's too much for mulligans, hot receivers and bicycle kicks.

PUMA ATHLETIC SHORTS

Women's Basketball

Congratulations go out to freshman Heather Allen who was named to the Honorable Mention Team for the All-GLVC Conference squad.

Men's Tennis

The SJC men's tennis team is currently 0-9 overall this season (0-6 in the GLVC). Through the losing stretch the Pumas were shut out eight times. The team's only three winners all came at the March 14th Chicago State match. Number 5 Greg Gulvas and #6 Mike Parrish had single wins that day and both teamed together at the same match for a #3 doubles win.

Since that second match of the season at Chicago State, the Pumas have lost to Missouri-St. Louis (0-5), SIU-Edwardsville (0-5), Taylor U. (0-5), IPFW (0-7), Indianapolis (0-5), Northern Kentucky (0-7), and Bellarmine (0-5).

Come out and support coaches John Barrientos and Ken Carrillo and the men's tennis team in their final home match of the season, March 30th at 3:00pm.

TV & Movie Trivia

- 1 in every 4 Americans has appeared on television.
- 60.2% of the U.S. TV audience watched the final episode of *M*A*S*H* in 1983.
- Captain Kirk never said "Beam me up, Scotty."
- Daytime dramas are called Soap Operas because they were originally used to advertise soap powder. In America in the early days of TV, advertisers would write stories around the use of their soap powder.
- For many years, the globe on the *NBC Nightly News* spun in the wrong direction. On January 2, 1984, NBC finally set the world spinning back in the proper direction.
- From *Gilligan's Island*, the Professor's real name was Roy Hinkley, Mary Ann's last name was Summers and Mrs. Howell's maiden name was Wentworth.
- In every episode of *Seinfeld* there is a Superman somewhere.
- One of the many Tarzans, Karmuala Searlel, was mauled to death by a raging elephant on the set.
- "Video Killed the Radio Star" was the very first video ever played on MTV.
- *101 Dalmatians* and *Peter Pan* are the only two Disney cartoon features with both parents that are present and don't die throughout the movie.
- All of the clocks in the movie *Pulp Fiction* are stuck on 4:20.
- During the chariot scene in *Ben Hur* a small red car can be seen in the distance.
- Four people played Darth Vader: David Prowse was his body, James Earl Jones did the voice, Sebastian Shaw was his face and a fourth person did the breathing.
- In the *Return of the Jedi* special edition during the new Couruscant footage at the end of the film, a stormtrooper can be seen being carried over the crowds.
- In the film *Star Trek : First Contact*, when Picard shows Lilly she is orbiting Earth, Australia and Papa New Guinea are clearly visible ... but New Zealand is missing.
- In the Mario Brothers movie, the Princess' first name is Daisy, but in Mario 64, the game, her first name is Peach. Before that, it's Princess Toadstool.
- In the movie *Now and Then*, when the girls are talking to the hippie (Brenden Fraser), and they get up to leave, Teeny (Thora Birch) puts out her cigarette twice.
- In *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy's last name is Gale.
- *King Kong* is the only movie to have its sequel (*Son of Kong*) released the same year (1933).
- U.F.C. champion Dan 'the beast' Severn and former Hardcore champion Al Snow both played a football player in the movie *Rudy*.

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Puma Entertainment Quick Picks

by Don Shanahan

Movies Coming to Theaters March 30th

Someone Like You- Ashley Judd thinks she's found the right man (Greg Kinnear) only to be dumped by him and left doubting her relationship skills with her ladies-man roommate (Hugh Jackman of *X-Men*).

Spy Kids- Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino (*Snake Eyes*) are international spies who must depend on their equally spy-savvy and elementary-age kids to rescue them.

Tomcats- A bet laid down on who the last college buddy to get married will be comes down to the last two (Jerry O'Connell and Jake Busey) to win or lose.

The Tailor of Panama- A bumbling British Panama City tailor (Geoffrey Rush) tries to play both sides of a scam involving the Panama Canal between the local government and suave government spy (Pierce Brosnan).

Movies Coming to Theaters April 6th

Along Came a Spider- Morgan Freeman reprises his Alex Cross detective character of *Kiss the Girls* for another high-profile case, this time involving the kidnappings of the children of high-ranking senators.

Blow- A *Casino*-like epic look at the true story of the rise-and-fall life and times of a 1970's cocaine dealer, played by Johnny Depp. Penelope Cruz plays his wife and Paul "Pee-Wee Herman" Reubens (in a shocking transformation) is the man who gets him into it.

Just Visiting- In a weird and goofy time-travel accident, two 12th century French nobleman end up in modern day Chicago where a woman tries to help them get back.

Jean Reno, Christina Applegate, and Tara Reid star.

Video/DVD New Releases for April 3rd

The Legend of Bagdad Vance- Robert Redford directs this "Bhagavad-Gita"-like story of a local WWI war hero and golf pro (Matt Damon) who regains his swing and grasp on life thanks to a mysterious guiding caddy (Will Smith).

102 Dalmatians- Disney's shameless, poorly attempted sequel of the shameless, poorly attempted live-action retelling of those originally animated spotted pups. Glenn Close returns as Cruella DeVile.

Video/DVD New Releases for April 10th

Men of Honor- A courageous and dramatic biography of the Navy's first black master diver, Carl Brashear (Cuba Gooding, Jr.), and his hard road to be the best. Robert De Niro co-stars as his racist commanding officer.

Bounce- Successful swinger Ben Affleck and single mom Gwyneth Paltrow are drawn together by a plane crash in this softhearted romance.

CD Releases for April 3rd

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: *Live in New York City*
Run- D.M.C.: *Crown Royal*
Journey: *Arrival*

Various Artists: *Now That's What I Call Music! 6*

Soundtrack: *"The Sopranos" Volume 2*

CD Releases for April 10th

Annie Sofie von Otter Meets Elvis Costello: *For the Stars*

Ani DiFranco: *Revelling/Reckoning*

Spacehog: *The Hogyssey*

Loveliest of Trees

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the Cherry hung with snow.

A.E. Housman

"The price of greatness is responsibility."

-Sir Winston Churchill

"There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those."

-Mother Theresa

April Holidays

National Poetry Month

Stress Awareness Month

1 April Fool's Day, Daylight Savings Begins

6 Jump Over Things Day

8 Passover, Palm Sunday

8-14 Be Kind To Animals Week

10 National Siblings Day

13 Good Friday, Blame Somebody Else Day

15 Easter Sunday

16 Tax Day

18 Look-Alike Day

22 Earth Day

22-28 National Volunteer Week

25 Secretaries and Administrative Professionals Day

26 Take Your Daughter to Work Day

27 Arbor Day

28 Kiss Your Mate Day

30 Hairstylist Appreciation, National Honesty Day

A Story of Love

Another story of love,
I don't want to read.
No heart has been broken,
No one is down on one knee.
I say that heaven's too far,
and the ocean's too deep
for a story of love
to be in this dream.
I wonder about that,
on love's winding road.
I can still see it,
but there's light years to go.

Nate Bowers

Together By Music

What the world needs now
-more rock stars
all-out energy
an amazing crazy
style

understood passion

creation
summation
a larger-than-life everyone
population
hot pink hair
music
flare

Sara Post

"The foolish person
seeks happiness in the
distance, the wise person
grows it under his feet."

- James Oppenheim

The Sharp Poking of Oblivion

There was a gingham grandma
quilt
Tightly wrapped around
a Little Annie Doll
In an old antique store window.
The store had broken steps
and cob webs on the door.

I lost my way there once
In a March Spring Walk.
Gleaming rays warmed
the cool morning,
On a dirt surface with green grass
springing everywhere.

What do you think of that?
I said to no one.
What do you think of that?
I said it again this morning, walking.

That dirt road went on forever
And all along I could feel the
poking
In my shoe, stabbing
The oversized big boots.

Pat Smith